

## HARFORD COUNTY 2004 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<b>Farm Numbers</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1997</b> <sup>3</sup>	<b>2002</b>
Number of Farms	695	733	683
Average Size (acres)	140	129	119
Land in Farms (acres)	97,312	94,806	81,409
<b>Livestock Inventory</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1997</b> <sup>3</sup>	<b>2002</b>
Cattle	18,992	17,280	15,923
Hogs	1,238	3,203	2,738
Sheep	3,019	2,920	3,406
<b>2002 Value of Sales</b> <sup>1</sup>			
All Products (\$1,000)			26,094
Milk (\$1,000)			8,523
Nursery & Greenhouse (\$1,000)			5,052
Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)			<sup>2</sup>
<b>Demographic Data</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1997</b> <sup>3</sup>	<b>2002</b>
Average Age of Operator	55.5	55.4	56.5
Percent Female Operators	14.0	11.6	17.1
<b>2002 Equine Census</b>			
Number of Equine Places			1,360
Equine Inventory			7,390
Value of Equine Inventory			\$73,115,000

<b>Crop Production Acres</b> <b>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</b> <sup>1</sup>			
Corn for Grain	11	Soybeans	15
Barley	13	Vegetables	10
Forage	5	Wheat	16

<b>Livestock &amp; Poultry Inventories</b> <b>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</b> <sup>1</sup>			
Beef Cattle	5	Milk Cows	6
Broilers	11	Sheep	2
Hogs	5		

<sup>1</sup> Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

<sup>2</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>3</sup> Revised.

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<b>Crop</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Acreage Harvested</b>	<b>Yield</b>	<b>Total Production</b>
Corn for Grain (bushels)	2002	18,400	83.0	1,528,100
	2003	19,800	119.3	2,362,200
	2004	20,500	151.9	3,113,800
Corn for Silage (tons)	2002	4,000	15.0	60,000
	2003	3,000	16.7	50,000
	2004	3,700	19.1	70,600
Soybeans (bushels)	2002	10,300	32.4	333,300
	2003	11,700	40.9	479,000
	2004	11,500	47.0	540,900
Wheat (bushels)	2002	2,600	57.3	148,900
	2003	2,000	39.8	79,600
	2004	2,300	55.1	126,778
Hay (tons)	2002	12,800	2.9	36,700
	2003	11,800	3.1	37,100
	2004	12,400	3.1	37,900
Barley (bushels)	2002	600	82.5	49,500
	2003	600	60.2	36,100
	2004	400	69.8	27,900

\* Acreage too small to publish.

	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)	\$75.21	\$74.50	\$79.02

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